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Early reports from the Secretary indicate that the slate of new officers proposed by the Nominating Committee will be elected. We look forward to the guidance of President James W. Crumpacker and Vice President Richard H. Salz. John C. Smith and Richard F. Larkin will continue to serve as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The Board of Directors will be Paul Ammons, Richard D. Bates, Jr., and Gary B. Weiss.

The major items on my desk (and disk) are *Canal Zone Aerophilately*, in cooperation with the American Air Mail Society, and a *Bibliography of Canal Zone Philately*. Both of these are major projects. The first should be cleaned up in a few months, but the bibliography has a much longer period of gestation. Another back burner item is *CZ QSL "Ham" Cards*. Cooperation with some of our Florida members should get that moving.

Projects in progress, involving other CZSG members are the update of *The Postal Stationery of the Canal Zone*

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## Meeting Notices

CZSG regional meetings:

ARIPEX 98, Mesa, AZ, Sheraton Mesa Hotel, 200 No. Centennial Way, Mesa, AZ, January 16-18, 1998. CZSG Meeting Saturday, 1pm January 17.

SANDICAL 98, San Diego, CA, January 30-February 1, 1998. Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South. CZSG Meeting, Saturday January 31.

APS AmeriStamp Expo 98, George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida de las Americas, Houston, Texas, CZSG Meeting, 2 p.m., Room 308B, Saturday February 14.

## ABNCo Specimens of the 1921 Independence Series

by David J. Leeds, James W. Crumpacker, and Gary B. Weiss

This article on the American Bank Note Company (ABNCo) Canal Zone archive Specimen stamps addresses the 1921 Independence Series, Scott No. 60-66. See Figs. 1 through 7.

As noted in *Canal Zone Stamps (CZS)* the CANAL ZONE overprint on these Panama stamps is identical with that used on the Type V Portrait Series, except for the 5c denomination which is a different size stamp and uses a completely different overprint.

CZS also reports that two plates of the 1c and 2c were prepared. These have the engraved F numbers 1A (reversed) F-6785, and 2A (reversed) F-6785 for both the 1c and 2c. The archive sheets included only the 1c 1A and the 2c 2A. Both left and right hand panes are present in the archive specimen sheets. Only the right-hand panes have the added reversed 1A or 2A.

The 1c and 2c were produced in 20 by 10 sheets of 200, with wide selvage all around and a narrow gutter between the panes. The 5c was also a lay of 200, but vertical, 10 by 20 with the narrow gutter



Fig. 1. CZSG 60.S

between the top and bottom panes. All other denominations, 10c through 50c, were 10 by 10 with wide selvage on four sides.

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## 1998 Mail Sale

Consignments for the 27th CZSG Mail Sale should be sent to arrive no later than June 20, 1998. Certificates are required of Scott First Issue and #15. An inventory must accompany all consignments. Damaged, soiled, or poorly centered copies of lower value stamps as well as ratty covers are respectfully declined and will be returned to vendor. Ship material insured or registered. The sale will close in late September. Please send material to Jerry Craig, 16900 Baederwood Lane, Derwood, MD 20855-2013.

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**Fig. 2. CZSG 61.S**

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There is an odd sequence of F numbers in this series:

- F-6765 Panama Centenary set with additional values.  
5/14/21.
- F-6781 CZ 1c and 2c  
Booklets 6/1/21.
- F-6784 CZ 10c, 15c, 24c, 50c.  
From F-6765.
- F-6785 CZ 1c, 2c, 5c.  
From F-6765.

The Index Cards give engraving data but nothing on printing. The archive sheets are all dated June 1, 1921. CZS merely states that most of the stamps were delivered by August 1921 and all denominations placed on sale November 13, 1921. The earliest known use of any value is November 17, 1921. Covers showing the high values were exhibited in our "Canal Zone Gems" at PACIFIC '97. We have no data on the second plates of the 1c and 2c or of later printings.

A question has arisen with respect to a comparison of these Type V overprints with the Type V overprints of the Portrait Series reported in CZP 122:1-3. Do the spacing and broken letter varieties of the Portrait series recur on the Independence series? There is too much of a coincidence to be random but the stamps have not yet been studied in enough detail to give a firm answer.

The font varieties of the 5c overprint reported in CZS, page 115, were not found among the archive sheet. At the present time the status of these items (in contrast to the Type V overprint on the postage due) is uncertain. It is more likely that they are essays.

#### Marginal Markings

All sheets have a deep violet handstamp dated JUN 1 1921 in the upper right selvage corner.



**Fig. 3. CZSG 62.S**

#### 1c Left panes

Top selvage, Pos 2, 3 short bars, 1 long  
Top selvage, Pos 5, handstamped red  
**F6785**

Top selvage, Pos 9, F or **F-6**

Top selvage, Pos 10, -6785 or 785

Left selvage, Pos 41, 51. Midline  
Bot selvage, Pos 92, 3 short and 1 long bar

A slight displacement of the engraved F number observed on the two left 1c sheets indicates a second plate.

#### 1c Right pane

Top selvage, Pos 6, handstamped red  
**F6785**

Top selvage, Pos 8, 1 (reversed)

Top selvage, Pos 9, A and 3 short bars and 1 long

Top selvage, Pos 10 **F-6785**

Rt selvage, Pos 50, 60 Midline

Bot selvage, Pos 99, long and short bars

#### 2c Left panes

Top selvage, Pos 2, 3 short bars, 1 long.  
Top selvage, Pos 5, handstamped red  
**F6785**

Top selvage, Pos 9, F

Top selvage, Pos 10, -6785

Left selvage, Pos 41, 51. Midline

Bot selvage, Pos 92, 3 short and 1 long bar

Again, the engraved F number is slightly shifted on one of the left panes so that Pos 9 is F- and Pos 10, 6785 indicating that there are two plates and the unlikely event that the three archive sheets had samples from both plates as well as left and right.

#### 2c Right pane (see Fig. 8)

Top selvage, Pos 6, handstamped red  
**F6785**

Top selvage, Pos 7-10, boxed magenta

Return to RECORD & SPECIMEN DEPT.

Top selvage, Pos 8, 2 (reversed)

Top selvage, Pos 9, A and 3 short bars and 1 long and F

Top selvage, Pos 10, -6785

Rt selvage, Pos 50, 60 Midline

Bot selvage, Pos 99, 3 short and 1 long bar

#### 5c Upper panes

Top selvage, Pos 1, 3 short and 1 long bar

Top selvage, Pos 5, 6, centerline. Slightly intrudes into stamp margin so that position of single copies can be identified.

Top selvage, Pos 6, red handstamped  
**F6785** (on 2 of the 3 panes; on the 3rd pane above pos 5).

Top selvage, Pos 8-9, boxed magenta  
Return to RECORD & SPECIMEN DEPT.

Top selvage, Pos 9, **F-67**

Top selvage, Pos 10, 85 plus 3 short and 1 long bar

#### 10c through 50c

Two sheets of each denomination. All sheets have approximately equal wide selvage with centerlines through the selvage at midpoints on all four sides. The engraved **F-6784** is in the top selvage at Pos 10 of the 10c and 24c; it is split between Pos 9-10 on the 15c and 50c. One sheet only of each denomination has a



**Fig. 4. CZSG 63.S**



Fig. 5. CZSG 63.S.

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boxed **Return to RECORD & SPECIMEN DEPT.** handstamped in deep violet in Pos 7-10. There is no boxed **Return to...** on either 24c sheet. The red F6784 is in the top selvage, Pos 5 on the 10c and 24c, Pos 6 on the 15c, and once each on Pos 5 and 6 on the 50c.

#### Spacing between CANAL and ZONE

Lateral spacing was constant in that there are no Cover Zor Lover E varieties.

**1c:** Spacing between CANAL and ZONE is generally a standard 9.4 to 9.5mm. About 20 fairly constant positions (Pos 2, 5, 8, 9, 11, 14, 22, 29, 30, 33, 35, 48, 56-58, 62, 69, 70, 80, 87) measure 9.25mm ±0.05mm.

Pos 89 = 9.75mm;

Pos 92 = 9.6-9.7mm.

The E of ZONE is slightly dropped in 3 to 5 positions in each pane.

**2c:** Spacing between CANAL and ZONE is generally a standard 9.4 to 9.5mm. About 20 fairly constant positions (2, 5, 9, 11, 14, 23, 28, 30, 33, 35, 38, 48, 56-58, 62, 64, 69, 80, 87) measure 9.25mm ±0.05mm.

Pos 8 = 9.05mm;

Pos 89 = 9.75mm;

Pos 44 and 92 = 9.65-9.70mm.

No dropped Es were noted on any 2c pane. This may indicate that the 2c was printed before the 1c and the form got bounced around a bit between printings.

Lateral spacing was constant in that there are no Cover Zor Lover E varieties.

Note: The variant spacings of CANAL and ZONE have mostly identical positions on all values, 5c through 50c. Note this is exactly 1.3mm narrower than the spacings on the 5c stamp, and that the positions of the variant spacings are identical (except for Pos 70). This is true in spite of the vertical vs. horizontal format, and the different font and size of the CANAL and ZONE overprints. The authors have no explanation of how this is possible.



Fig. 6. CZSG 64.S.



Fig. 7. CZSG 65.

**5c:** Spacing between CANAL and ZONE is generally a standard 10.2mm ±0.1mm. Several constant positions vary from the norm:

Pos 14 and 85 = 10.6mm

Pos 16 and 39 = 9.8-9.85mm

Pos 70 = 10.8mm

Pos 77 = 10.5mm

Pos 43: Z of ZONE usually fails to print fully.

**10c:** Spacing between CANAL and ZONE is generally a standard 8.75-9.0mm. Constant positions vary from the norm:

Pos 14 and 85 = 9.25mm

Pos 16 and 39 = 8.5mm

Pos 77 = 9.15mm

Pos 5 and 91: E slightly dropped.

Pos 33: top bar of E missing.

**15c:** Spacing between CANAL and ZONE is generally 8.9-9.0mm. Constant positions vary from the norm:

Pos 14, 77, and 85 = 9.25mm

Pos 16 and 39 = 8.5mm

Pos 61 and 97 = 8.75mm

Pos 5 and 91: E dropped noticeably.

**24c & 50c:** Spacing between CANAL and ZONE is generally a standard 8.75-9.0mm. Constant positions vary from the norm:

Pos 14 and 85 = 9.25mm

Pos 16 and 39 = 8.5mm

Pos 77 = 9.15mm

Pos 5 and 91: E slightly dropped.

There are very few broken letters. The one that is obvious is a large break in the top of the O of ZONE in Pos 97 of the 1c and 2c, but this same break exists to a lesser extent in other positions. The 5c contains a number of broken letters, but it is difficult to work with due to the crowded nature of the printing on the underlying stamp. No comprehensive study of broken letters in the higher values has been made.

The SPECIMEN overprint is a nominal 11.2mm by 2.2mm, in red with little variation.

The table published in our Check List in CZP 117:38 provides a summary of the 1921 Independence Issue Archive Specimen stamps.



Fig. 8. 2c Right Pane Marginal Markings. Note reversed "2A."

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**Secretary's Report**

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**Time to Renew  
Your Membership**

As of November 12, 1997, our membership stood at 777 members.

The 1998 dues notices have been mailed and you should have received your dues envelopes before you read this. So please help your Secretary by mailing in your dues as early as possible, along with any address change. You may have noticed a place to put your CZSG membership number on this year's dues envelope.

Entering your CZSG number there would help me update the computer. Your number is on the address label to the right of your name. To save time and trouble, I would be happy to accept dues payment for one or more years in advance.

Please take time out and vote for your 1998-99 CZSG officers. Having an election on the even year is part of our CZSG by-laws. Your officers are all volunteers and would appreciate your vote of support; thank you in advance.

Your CZSG officers wish you all a joyous Holiday Season and a fantastic New Year!

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**Zone Activity**

Recent news reports indicate that former U.S. facilities are being converted to other uses. Nearly one third of the area is under Panamanian control. The School of the Americas is being converted to a resort hotel. The 14th Infantry base at Fort Davis is an industrial park. An international tennis school uses the courts at Curundu Flats. Albrook will become a new domestic airport. Fort Clayton, a City of Knowledge with university branches and research institutes. Housing is being auctioned off (the same site to several buyers, we are told). SouthCom Headquarters, relocated to Miami, will become the Foreign Ministry. About 11,000 acres of jungle, formerly a firing range, still contains live ammunition. U.S. troop status as of October 1st was reported to be 4400. An anti-narcotics center may still require the presence of U.S. troops.

Los Angeles Times

## U6 - U7

by Irwin J. Gibbs

On May 28, 1924 President Calvin Coolidge, acting under authority of a joint resolution of Congress, approved February 12, 1924, issued a proclamation abrogating the Taft Agreement of December 3, 1904. This is the agreement that required the Canal Zone to purchase its postal paper from the Republic of Panama at 40% of the face value. The rationale for the agreement was that a U.S. operated postal service would decimate that run by the Republic. So as not to destroy Panama's postal income part of it was replaced by President Taft's largesse.

It had been expected that the agreement would be cancelled May 1, 1924, but the date was extended by the State Department to June 1, 1924. The proclamation also stated "with the understanding that no change is to be made in existing conditions until the end of the fiscal year, i.e., June 30th."

Although Panama overprinted stationery was not supposed to be sold after June 30, 1924, the Director of Posts' Circular 54 of June 25 ruled that they should be valid for postage or exchanged for the new stationery up to and including July 31, 1924; this was subsequently extended to August 31 by Circular No. 2 of August 4, 1924. Stationery with a printed inscription added by the purchaser was to be valid for postage indefinitely.

In anticipation of this action, the Canal Zone Director of Posts, C.H. Calhoun, arranged for the purchase, at cost, of a year's supply of United States stationery, overprinted for use in the Canal Zone. These were shipped to the Zone during April, 1924. There were two denominations of stamped envelopes, the 1¢ Franklin (Scott U6) and 2¢ Washington (Scott U7).

The stamped envelopes were of the series of 1916, (Scott U.S.U420 and U429) printed by the Middle West Supply Company of Dayton, Ohio, on Hartford flatbed presses and overprinted in black by the U.S. Government Printing Office in Washington, D.C.

The envelopes are size 5 (6 1/2 x 3 1/2 inches), watermarked and entwined "U.S.1921," with gummed flaps.

The stamp dies are circular, 27 1/2 mm with profile portraits, facing left, within a circle, around which, at the top and sides, appears "United States Postage." The denominational numbers appear in small circles on either side at the foot, with "CENT" or "CENTS" in between. The head lettering and numerals are in colorless embossing on a solid colored ground.

The overprint "CANAL ZONE" is in two horizontal lines of serifed caps, 2mm high. CANAL measures 11 1/2mm and ZONE 9mm, with 9mm spacing between. The type is the Flat A. Two types of "C" in CANAL are reported to occur in each



Fig. 1. 1¢ Type 1, Closed C.

denomination. A census of several important collections has not revealed a single copy of the 1¢ Type 2, Open C. In addition, the 1¢ Type 2 has not appeared at auction over the past 20 years. Fig. 1 shows the normal 1¢ Type 1, Closed C variety. Reconfirmation of the existence of the Open C Type 2 variety is necessary to continue its listing in the revised catalogue. Response from collectors would be appreciated.

For the 2¢, the Closed C is considered normal; the Open C is scarce with a ratio of about 20 to 1. See Figs. 2 and 3.



Fig. 2. 2¢ Type 1, Closed C.

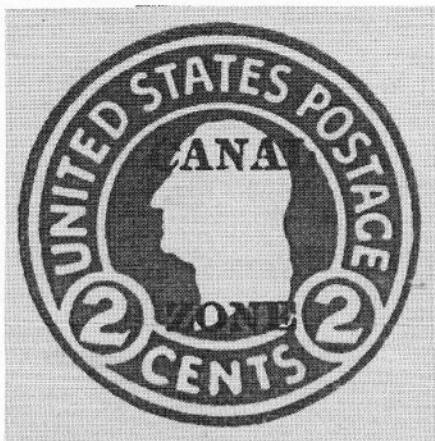


Fig. 3. 2¢ Type 2, Open C.

Fifty thousand of the 1¢ olive green, and 100,000 of the 2¢ carmine were shipped from Washington, D.C., on April 26, 1924, and issued on July 1, 1924.

The gummed flaps of these envelopes stuck to the back of the envelopes in the humid climate of the Canal Zone. Since it was impossible to get United States envelopes with ungummed flaps it was decided to print the envelopes locally. U6 and U7 were withdrawn from sale and replaced October 24, 1924 by envelopes bearing the Seal of the Canal Zone.

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### Correction: RMPL

Apologies for the old address given in the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library request for a gift of CZSG publications. Their correct address, in their new facility:

Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library  
2038 South Pontiac Way  
Denver, Colorado 80224  
Phone: (303) 759-9921  
email: RMPL@aol.com

The Library will still appreciate partial or broken files of our publications.

### Winners

GREATER HOUSTON STAMP SHOW (HOUPEX) Houston Philatelic Society. September 1997. Grand, Gold, BIA Statue of Freedom Award, and Texas Service Award to Paul Ammons for "Canal Zone Second Airmail Series."

We Need Authors!

## CZ "Lindbergh Day"

by David J. Leeds

Charles Lindbergh's Latin American Goodwill Tour was celebrated at various stops with parades, banquets, commemorative stamps, and cachets. Panama had all of this with a set of two stamps, and special cachets in both Panama City and Colon. See CZP 108:21.

The Canal Zone designated a "Lindbergh Day" for the Pacific side, January 10, 1928, and for the Atlantic side, January 11, 1928. There was no official postal recognition of either event.

John Smith first called attention to a privately applied cachet (CZP 82:5) on a registered letter from R. S. Carter to Rudolph Dinnebier.

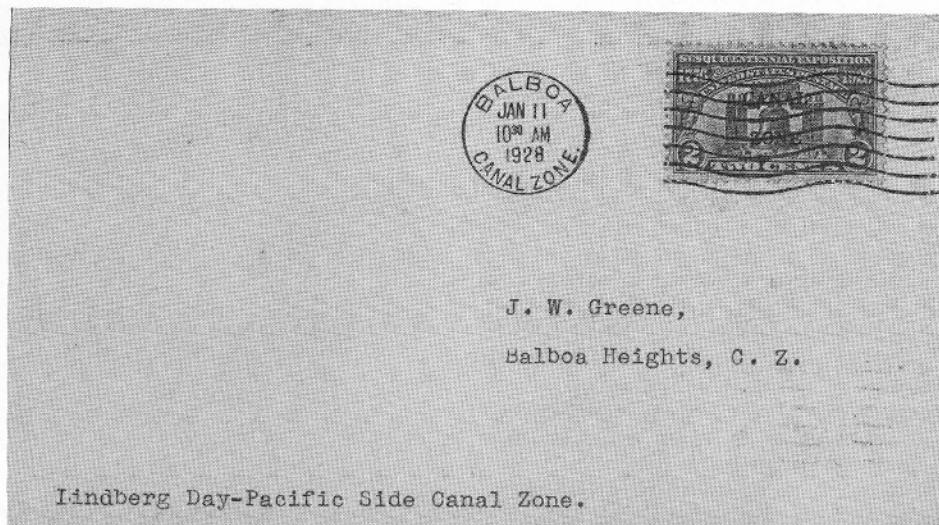
Covers mailed on these two days are listed in *The American Air Mail Catalogue*, Vol. 3, page 1439, as Nos. 205 and 206, respectively. They usually bear a typewritten "cachet", Fig. 1. In addition, a few (from Ancon, Balboa, and Balboa Heights) have a 2-line, 74mm rubber stamp, light blue, all caps "LINDBERGH DAY/CANAL ZONE" prepared for or by Rudolph Dinnebier of New York, Fig. 2. He also prepared a maximum post card with "OUR HERO" and a photograph on the picture side. "LINDBERGH DAY" is printed on the stamped side along with the "CANAL ZONE" rubber stamp as above, Fig. 3.



Fig. 3b. Ancon, Picture Post Card.

Addresses noted are Rudolph Dinnebier of New York City, and collectors J. W. Greene, and Robert Graham, both of Balboa Heights.

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Balboa Heights, C. Z.

Lindberg Day-Pacific Side Canal Zone.

Fig. 1. Lindberg Day, Balboa, Typed Cachet, January 11, 1928.

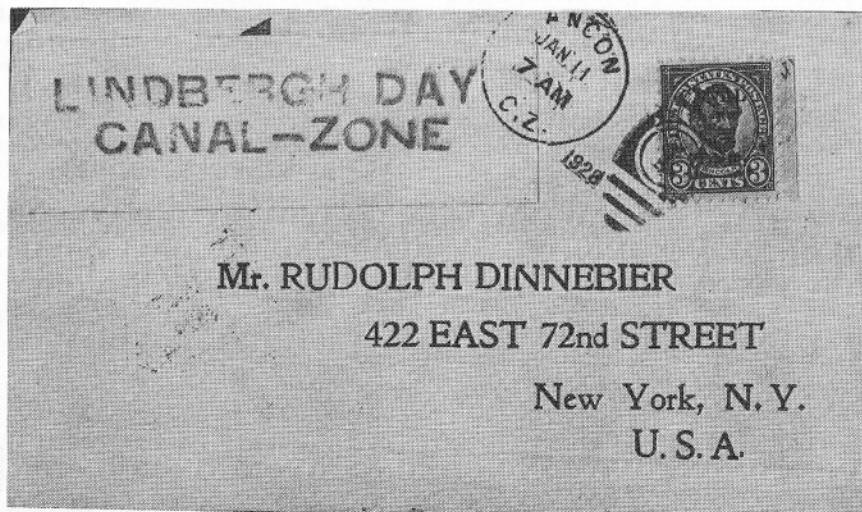


Fig. 2. Lindberg Day, Ancon, Rubber Stamp Cachet, January 11, 1928.

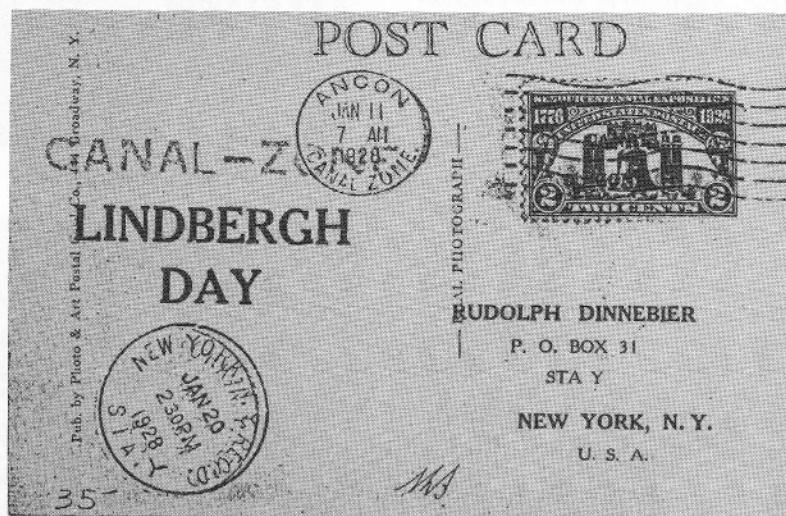


Fig. 3a. Lindberg Day, Ancon on Picture Post Card.  
(Courtesy of R. Karrer)

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Cancels have been recorded, following:  
Pacific Side, January 11, 1928

Ancon  
Balboa  
Balboa Heights  
Corozal  
Fort Clayton  
Pedro Miguel  
The Panama Canal RMS, Tr.3 (Fig. 4.)  
The Panama Canal RMS, Tr.4 (Fig. 5.)  
Atlantic Side, January 12, 1928  
Coco Solo  
France Field  
Gatun



Fig. 4. RMS Train 3.



Fig. 5. Train 4.



Fig. 6. Coco Solo.



Fig. 7. Frame Field.

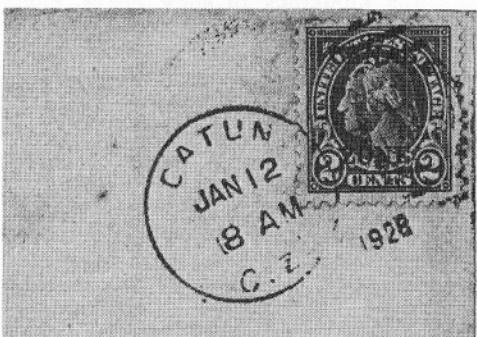


Fig. 8. Gatun.

## THAMESPEX '97

Waterford, CT, October 26, 1997. Five Canal Zone exhibits—the largest number at one show to date.

Paul Ammons, "Canal Zone Second Air Mail Series", Gold, GRAND Award, and American Air Mail Society Special Award. This was a 7-frame exhibit showing a "Study of the 1931 air mail series, including their use as official stamps.

Alan Bentz, "Canal Zone 1939", Silver Award. 2-frame exhibit. This represented the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the Panama Canal and the 10th Anniversary of CZ air mail. Both were honored with new stamp issues. It was also the year three new Panama Line ships were introduced, and it marked the transit of the largest vessel to that time, the S. S. *Bremen*.

David J. Smith, "A Selection of Canal Zone First Day Covers, 1926-1978". Silver-Bronze award. A representative selection of FDCs, mainly from Balboa and Cristobal. Definitive, commemorative, and air mail issues were shown.

Robert Mazyck, "Canal Zone Precancels". Silver-Bronze award. Examples of all four types of precancels on various stamps were shown. Types I and II were handstamped; Types III and IV printed in monotype.

Armand R. Cote, "Canal Zone Lindbergh Flight Cancellations", Silver-Bronze award. A collection of covers carried on FAM-2 (Cristobal to Miami, February 9, 1929), highlighting postmarks from various cities and towns at different dates and times.

The Jury included Bob Karrer, Jr.  
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# Scott 1998 Specialized Catalogue

by Jim Crumpacker

Many price changes are evident in the 1998 Scott's *Specialized Postage Stamp Catalogue*, but the most important shifts are structural.

First, some price changes which for the integers were mostly flat to slightly down while, excepting the booklet panes, there were many increases for the 'minor varieties' and copies on cover. All prices below are for OG examples unless listed otherwise.

	1997	1998
2 OG/used	\$240/190	\$225/175
3 OG/used	425/275	375/225
3 FDC	2500	5000
7	175	160
8	160	145
22d	450	550
23c	550	450
23g on cover	no list	12000
25 on cover	85	100
27 FDC	400	750
31c	750	575
34 on cover	60	75
38b	750	600
38c	1150	1000
39b used	1100	see text
39h used	see text	1100
42 FDC	150	200
46 1st pr.	180	160
46 2nd pr.	250	225
47 on cover	450	375
52b	850	650
52c	5000	7500
52e	1750	3000
55e	3250	1750
59 on cover	unpriced	1000
60b	1000	900
65 on cover	unpriced	600
66 on cover	unpriced	600
71e	125	100
75 FDC	no list	500
114(a) FDC	45	110
115c	275	225
157a unpriced as a margin bl. of 10 w/ pl. #	50000	as a pl. bl. of 6

C2 OG/used	100/90	85/75
C14 FDC	75	125
C21-C26 (6)	19.65	12.90
	reads C21-C26 (5) should read C21-24, C26 (5) (C25 is a wet pr.)	
CO12 on cover	400	500
O3	unpriced	1000
J20b OG/used	200/70	250/100

Nearly all of the overprinted on Panama or US booklet panes had major price decreases; a supply boost resultant from the 1996 auction of James B. Helme's and Morton Joyce's material seems to have been responsible.

Too numerous to show above, every listed Postage Due on cover had entirely proper price increases of around 10%.

Postal Stationery price changes were concentrated in post-1950 examples in used condition, e.g. UXC4 now \$12 (italicized), up from \$2.75. We are awaiting a new publication on this subject.

If one studies the structural changes, it is necessary to get out the quill and ink, for Scott's has modified some catalogue numbers on important overprint varieties. These changes occur in two parts:

- Clarification of the minor variety (those without a lower case letter) listings beginning with Scott 9. These are moved en masse from their previous locations below the last major lettered variety to a position below the integer. This should prevent such erroneous listings as "22g (1906 1c); "ONE" instead of "ZONE", ...which was in a recent auction catalog by a major firm. This modification is a good one and proceeds through the early listings, ending with OX2.
- A decision by Scott's to add to the "pair, one without overprint" listings. Previously they did not differentiate between a "pair, left stamp without overprint" and a "pair, right stamp without overprint." The quantities known of these tend to differ and they therefore sell for discongruous prices.

Scott 39a, which was "Horizontal pair, one without overprint" at \$1500 is now "Horiz. pair, right stamp without overprint (20)" at \$1250. The new Scott 39b is "Horiz. pair, left stamp without overprint (10)" at \$1750. This causes a displacement of the 1997 Scott 39b, which was the "CANAL" only variety! It gets kicked downstairs and becomes a new listing, Scott 39h.

The same situation applies to the Scott 55b, 55c and 55f listings, which are all changed or new. Ditto Scott 56c, 56d, 56e and 56h plus Scott 57a and 57b. In the latter case no Scott variety other than 57a existed, so the new Scott 57b Horiz. pair, left stamp without overprint (10) at \$2250 did not displace anything.

Scott 53b continues to be listed only as "Horiz. pair, right stamp without ovpt." CZSG 53b.II is our designation for the "Horiz. pair, left stamp without ovpt." variety but this one was caused by a paper fold; Scott's has deemphasized these varieties in recent years.

Few complaints can be made about the overall drift of price valuations. Among the problems was a drop in the value of Scott 55e, the booklet pane of 6, from \$3250 in 1997 to \$1750 in 1998. This was in spite of the fact that two examples with notable faults sold at Shreve's auction of the Helme collection for an average of \$2420.

The proofs were nearly all up, in a general range of \$100-\$275 for no known reason.

On the 'good job' side, Scott J20b, rose red, went up from \$200/70 to \$250/100. A review of the Stamps section of all 26 CZSG Mail Sale catalogs reveals only one listing ever for this, in 1994 for a used copy described as "J20 F - (owner states J20b rose red, scarce, no more than a dozen or so known - needs certificate)".

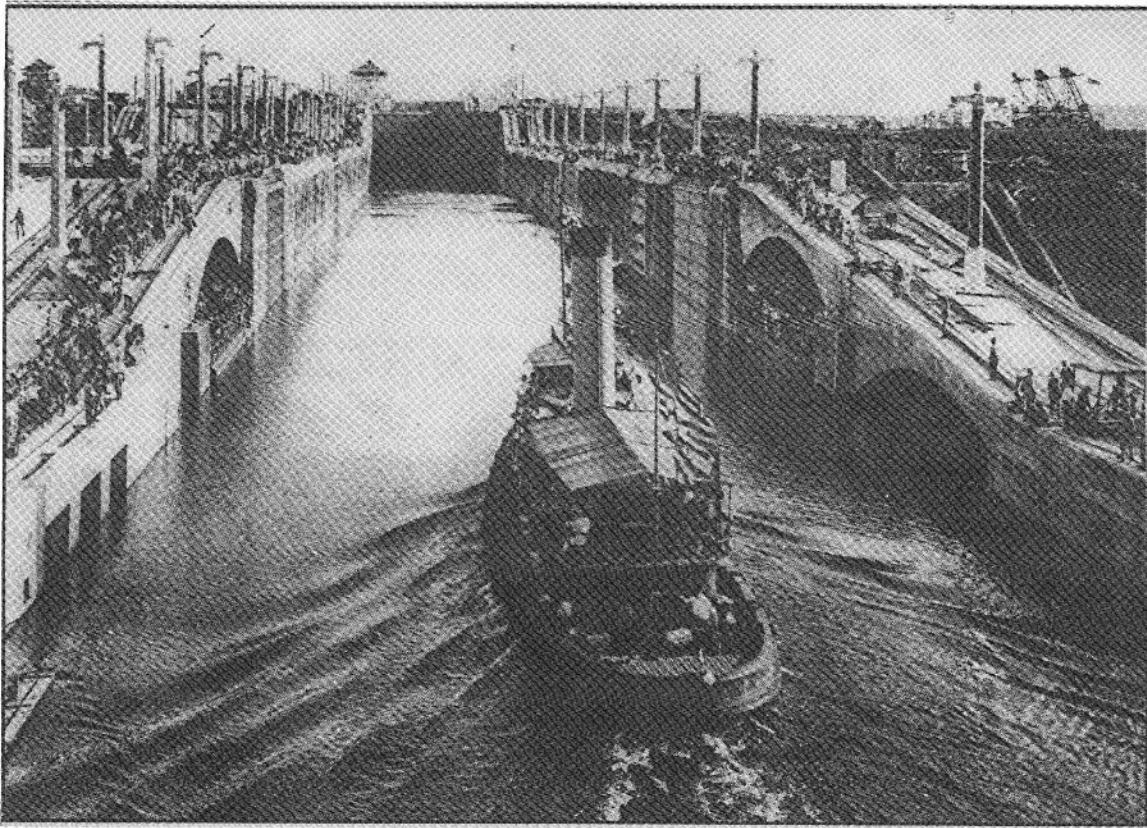
The total dollar value for the integers Scott 1-165 OG or NH is now \$12,371.21, for Airs C1-C53 \$251.60 and for Postage Dues J1-J29 \$2455.65.

## Inbound Mail - Egypt 1926

A 1926 picture post card of the Sphinx mailed at Port Said, Egypt is shown. Since the address included "Isthmus of Panama" the card was processed through Panama City with its Transito marking. There is a faint Ancon, CZ machine backstamp dated October 6, 1926. The 10 mil stamp appears to be the proper value and color.

Inbound Mail, Port Said,  
Egypt to C.Z., 1926.





**Fig. 1. S.S. *Gatun* in Gatun Locks.**

## **Advertising on Postal Cards — CZ UX10 / US UX17**

by John C. Smith  
and Richard Spielberg

This story started as an article on advertising on Canal Zone postal cards and led to the history of the tug *Gatun*. The *Gatun* made the initial passage of Gatun Locks in 1913, Fig. 1.

A few members of the CZSG have Scott CZ UX10 postal cards, issued in October

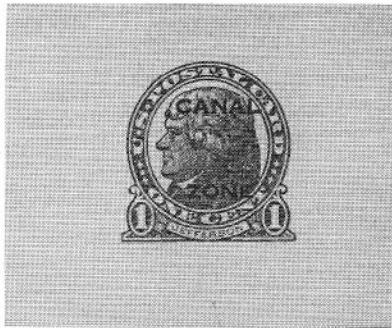
box of 500 copies of the postal card and printed them to be used as reporting forms for their business. The cards, whose design was subsequently rejected, were printed on the front as shown with the address of the company: Booth, Dailey & Ivins; the back had a form for their garbage scow captains to use for daily reports. To tow these barges to the Atlantic Ocean, the company owned at least six tug boats, one of which was named *H. B. Chamberlin*. This tug was purchased by the Isthmian Canal Commission in 1906 and renamed *S. S. Gatun*<sup>2</sup>. It was this tug which made the initial passage of Gatun Locks on September 26, 1913, as seen in Fig. 1!

Even though the significance of this advertisement on the rear of CZ UX10 is now more apparent, we do not have any idea of the original source of this card and would appreciate any information that a reader might have. Write us or the Editor.

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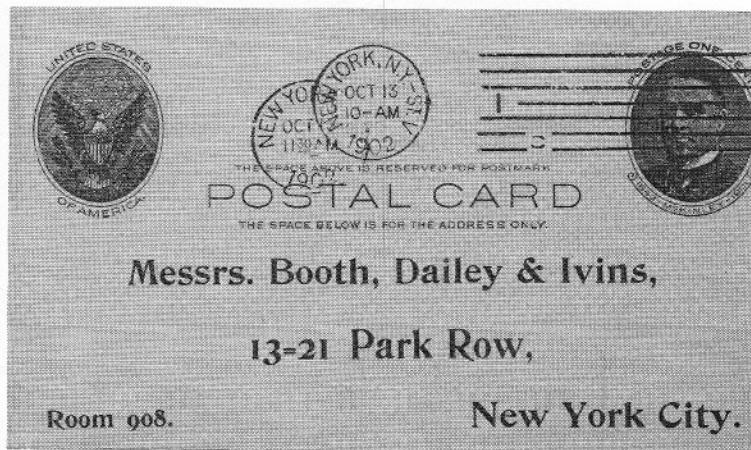
<sup>2</sup>*Merchant Marine Vessels of the United States, 45th Annual List, (1913)*, p.462, Department of Commerce, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC.



**Fig. 2a. CZ UX10.**

1935, with curious printing (an advertisement) on the back, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. This is a representation of United States postal card Scott UX17, the *Full Face McKinley card*, the rarest postal card issued by the USPS, issued in 1902.

An article in the *1981 Congress Book*<sup>1</sup> relates the story of USPS UX17. A New York City garbage contractor obtained a



**Fig. 2b. CZ UX10, Reverse, (US UX17).**

## Auctions

by Jim Crumpacker

The third calendar quarter, July 1-September 30, 1997 was slow for Canal Zone auction material, a consequence both of normal seasonality and the desire on the part of auction houses to present major offerings coincident with PACIFIC '97, which ended in early June.

For these realizations the selling price is shown first followed by the catalog value, in parenthesis, from the 1997 Scott's Specialized. Any commission is included in the prices shown.

The addresses of the various auction firms are shown at the end; please mention CZP should you request a catalog copy.

15 var., PANAMA 15mm long, OG, H, VF+ \$4025 (\$3250) Ivy & Mader  
22 var., ONE for ZONE, OG, H, F+ \$55 (\$80) Weiss  
"24d", used, CANAL only, De Thuin counterfeit, VF \$187 (\$n/a) Weiss  
36a, "10 cts." inverted, OG, NH, F+ \$403 (\$300) Ivy & Mader  
39e, inverted center with overprint reading down, OG, NH, VF \$690 (\$700) Drews  
46, OG, NH, F first pr., \$69 (\$180) Kukstis  
54, OG, NH, F margin copy \$104 (\$200) Kukstis  
56c, horiz. pair, one without overprint, OG, NH, VF-XF UL margins copy w/ part imprint \$2415 (\$1750) Ivy & Mader

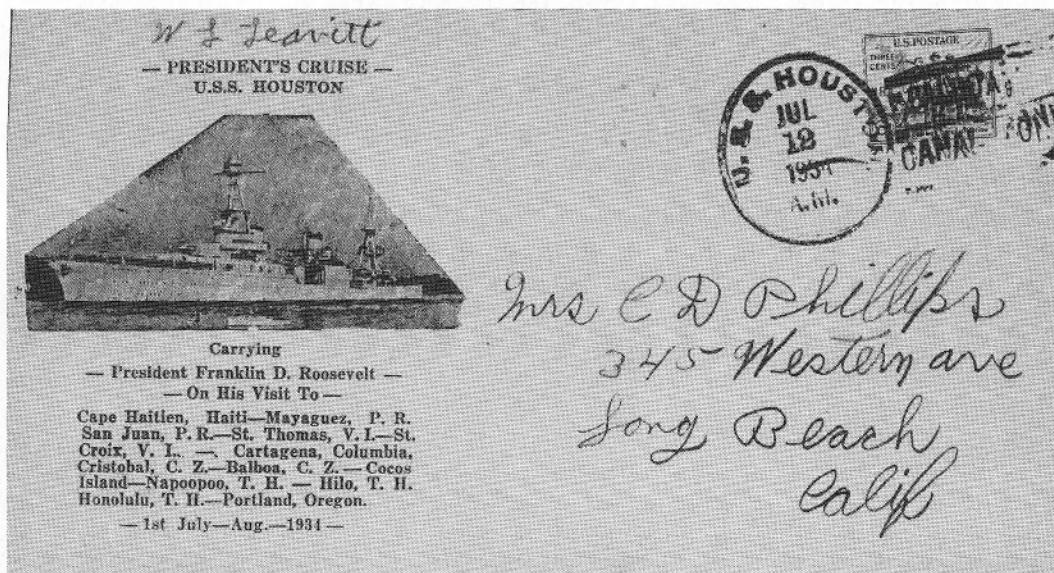
56f, ZONE double, OG, NH, VF margin copy in pair with normal \$1553 (\$1000) Ivy & Mader  
71d, ZONE CANAL, OG, H, F \$219 (\$450) Ivy & Mader  
81, OG, NH, VF \$176 (\$250) Weiss  
85, OG, H, F pl. bl. of 6, #16402-LL \$98 (\$175) Kukstis  
86a, ZONE ZONE, TG, H, VF in pair with normal \$1725 (\$1100) Ivy & Mader  
86b, CANAL inverted, OG, H, almost VF in pair with normal \$920 (\$954) Ivy & Mader  
86b, CANAL inverted, OG, H, VG in pair with normal \$230 (\$954) Spink America  
94, OG, NH, F \$86 (\$250) Kukstis  
95, OG, NH, F \$46 (\$125) Kukstis  
97b, booklet pane of 6, OG, NH, F-VF \$484 (\$650) Schiff  
120-135, set on 15 FDC's 8/15/39 Balboa Hts. machine cancels, Historic Arts cachet, pencil address, F-VF \$77 (\$133) Summit  
J2, OG, NH, F \$74 (\$250) Kukstis  
J3, OG, H, barely F pl. #5525 single \$336 (\$900) Dutch Country  
J13, OG, HR, F+ \$46 (\$60) Drews  
J20, sl. dist. OG, H, F+ \$121 (\$150) Drews  
U15 (UPSS 39), mint, VF \$242 (\$250) Newman  
  
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Jacques C. Schiff, Jr., Inc., 195 Main St., Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660-1696  
Spink America, 55 East 59th St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10022  
Summit Auctions, 226 Portage Trail, P.O. Box 640, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44222  
Weiss Philatelics, P.O. Box 5358, Bethlehem, PA 18015

## CZSG 1997 Mail Sale

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- 22 and 24, both F-VF used as Postage Dues, Las Cascadas Rg-5a 7/7/09 incoming w/a 1p stamp from Sierra Leone, minor cover toning o/w VF \$650 (\$n/a)  
23, three F-VF copies used as Postage Dues, Las Cascadas Rg-5a 5/18/09 incoming w/a 1p stamp from Grenada, some cover foxing, o/w VF \$320 (\$n/a)  
43, FDC Balboa 3/1/15 on ppc, F+ to VF \$190 (\$150)  
76, FDC, Registered Cristobal 7/1/24, F-VF \$400 (no Scott value)  
CO14, VF stamp on F-VF cover Ancon 12/27/51 \$80 (\$50)  
20 Liquor Revenue stamps R2-R20, F average \$300



President's 1934 Cruise, U.S.S. Houston, July 12, 1934.

## FDR/CZ II

Another July 12, 1934 U.S.S. Houston cover marking FDR's 1934 Presidential Cruise through the Panama Canal has

turned up. This one has a printed cachet. See CZP 121:37-39, 47 for the original article. Please note that the date shown in Fig. 1 of the original article is in error

and should be corrected to July 12, 1934. The July 19 cover was not illustrated since its source was at least 1200 miles west of CZ waters en route to Hawaii.

R. Salz

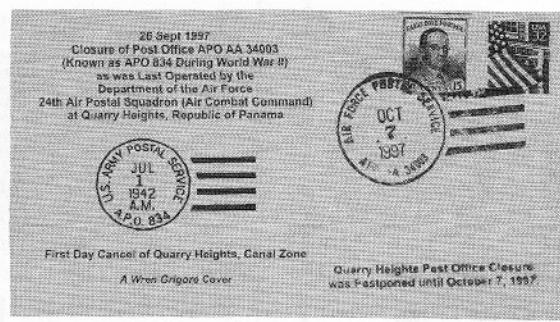
## Other Publications

"Gorgas: The Nation's Doctor", by Larry Powell. *Global Stamp News*, October 1997, Page 42.

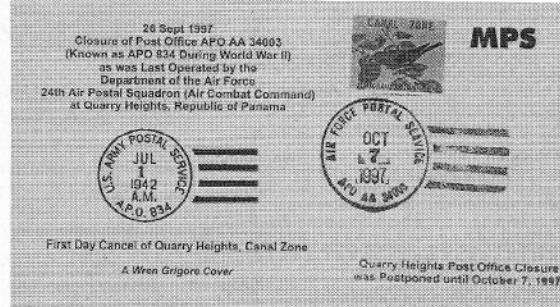
An excellent little blurb with Gorgas background. It mentions his home on the Tuscaloosa campus of the University of Alabama and illustrates several philatelic tributes. He served as Army Surgeon General during WWI.

## Last Day, Quarry Heights

The U. S. Air Force Post Office, APO AA 34003, had its last day of operation October 7, 1997. Covers showing the WWII APO 834 postmark as a printed cachet were prepared by Wren Grigore as illustrated.



Last Day Quarry Heights Post Office.



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## CZSG 1997 Mail Sale

by Jim Crumpacker

Our annual CZSG Mail Sale, the 26th consecutive such event, was concluded Sept. 28 with an offering of 881 lots.

Some of the better realizations were on Bliss provisional Dues, non-Scott varieties, Perf. "P's", the many errors, Dues on cover and nearly everything with VF centering. As is always the case off-center stamps and damaged material sold poorly or not at all.

There is no buyer's commission in our CZSG Mail Sales. Each price realized is shown below first, followed by the catalog value from Scott's Specialized 1997 in parenthesis.

- 1, used, VF s.o.n. Cristobal cancel \$400 (\$425)
- 1b, CANAL ZONE double, OG, HR, VG-F in pair with normal \$2300 (\$2550)
- 3, used, F+ to VF s.o.n. Empire cancel \$250 (\$275)
- 12, OG, NH (one HR as reinf.), VG-VF pane of 100 from Stage VI w/CANAL and ZONE antique \$1200 (\$1326)
- 13b, ZONE antique, used, VF orange red \$140 (\$175)
- 15, TG, F \$1400 (\$3000)
- 18a, ZONE antique, OG, H, F+ \$150 (\$200)
- 20, shifted surcharge, part of a second "8" on margin, OH, H, F \$52 (\$45)
- 22a, horiz. pair imperf. between, OG, VLH, XF \$1150 (\$1250)
- 22, imperf. top margin in pair w/normal, CZSG 22.3a on soft paper, TG, VF \$260 (\$n/a)

- 22, imperf. bottom margin, 7 1/4mm spacing on soft paper (new variety), TG, VF \$200 (\$n/a)
- 23, block of 3 showing both 6.75 and 7 1/4mm spacings, CZSG 23.4, OH, NH, VF \$210 (\$n/a)
- 25, extra row of vertical perfs., CZSG 25.2, dull OG, F \$72 (\$n/a)
- 26 pr., imperf. bottom margin w/inscription, CZSG 26.1, sl. dist. OG, NH, VF \$300 (\$n/a)
- 31 pr., one ZONE CANAL, one ZONE only due to freak perfs., TG, paper adheres, VF \$170 (\$n/a)
- 34 pr., shifted ovpt w/one CANAL ZONE on bottom margin, CZSG 34.2, OG w/overall paper adherance, F \$210 (\$n/a)
- 37, ZONE CANAL due to freak perfs., CZSG 37.1a, brown OG, HR, F+ \$115 (\$n/a)
- 39a, horiz. pair, left stamp w/o overprint in horiz. strip of 10 w/part CANAL on right margin, CZSG 39a.II, OG, HR's, light cr. through error pair, o/w VF \$950 (\$1576)
- 46, first printing, OG, NH, VF \$200 (\$180)
- 47, OG (dist. by tissue), NH, F+ to VF \$1600 (\$3000)
- 48, E under L var., sl. dist. OG, NH, F+ \$380 (\$550)
- 52b, two SPECIMENS booklet panes in a bl. of 12, separated perfs., brown paper reinf. and a piece out of 1 stamp, o/w OG, NH, VF (\$1200) (\$n/a)
- 53, margin copy w/part of ZONE on margin, CZSG 53.2, part OG, F \$120 (\$n/a)
- 56g, two SPECIMENS booklet panes in a bl. of 12, OG, NH, F-VF \$1300 (\$n/a)
- 58, OG, NH, F+ \$220 (\$275)
- 66, used, VF+ \$90 (\$100)
- 84d, booklet pane of 6, pos. K, OG, NH, F+ to VF \$150 (\$200)
- C2, OG, NH, F+ to VF \$85 (\$100)
- CO11, OG, NH, F+, CTO \$50 (\$60)
- 22 pr., used, Bliss provisional Dues, all caps margins copies, brownish OG, F+ to VF \$300 (\$n/a)
- 36, Bliss provisional Due, upper and lower case letters, OG, NH, F \$280 (\$n/a)
- J14, OG (a very few dull spots), NH, VF-XF \$270 (\$250)
- O8, no gum, barely F, CTO \$360 (\$675)
- 129, bottom plate bl. of 6, OG, NH, VF \$100 (\$100)
- C19, plate bl. of 6, OG, NH, VF \$170 (\$150)
- J21, plate bl. of 6, #118115-R, OG, NH, F+ to VF \$48 (\$45)
- 32, used, perf. P, two tears and pp's, centered VF \$260 (\$n/a)
- 57, used, perf. P, F+ \$95 (\$n/a)
- U4 (UPSS 4), used Culebra 1923, wrinkly o/w VF \$80 (\$125)
- U15 (UPSS 39), used Cristobal 1934, F-VF \$110 (\$135)
- UC1 (UPSS A1), mint VF \$100 (\$135)
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